

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets make changes to Figs. 1, 3 and 7-10 and replaces the original sheet with Figs. 1, 3 and 7-10.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claims 1-8 and 10-13 stand allowed. By this Amendment, the specification, drawings and claims 2-5 and 9 are amended. No new matter is added.

I. Specification

The specification is objected to correct an informality appearing at page 8, line 23. As the specification is amended in response to the objection, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

II. Drawings

The disclosure is also objected to due to an informality which appears in each of Figs. 1, 3 and 7-9, as well as a typographical error in Fig. 10. As these informalities are corrected, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

III. Claim Objections

Claims 2-5 are objected to due to informalities. As each of claims 2-5 is amended in response to the objection, withdrawal of the objection to claims 2-5 is respectfully requested.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

The indication of allowable subject matter in claim 9 is appreciated, it being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. As claim 9 is amended as discussed below to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

V. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

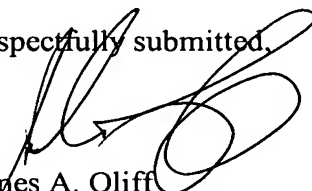
Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. As claim 9 is amended in response to the rejection, claim 9 is in condition for allowance as pending from an allowed claim. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment:

Replacement Drawing Sheets (Figs. 1, 3 and 7-10)

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